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1. CHINA

REUTER REPORTS RADIO PEKING SAID THURS THAT, IN THEIR POWER BID, "GANG OF FOUR" DISRUPTED PRC RR EFFICIENCY AND HAMPERED COUNTRY'S ECON DEVELOPMENT. ADDS THAT SINCE RADICAL LEADERS' OVERTHROW LAST MONTH, FACTIONAL DISPUTES AMONG RR WORKERS HAVE STOPPED AND WORKERS PLEDGED MAKE UP MOST TIME, REPAIR DAMAGE. IN ANOTHER REPORT, RADIO SAID ANHWEI PROVINCE-TO-SHANGHAI COAL SHIPMENTS HAVE RISEN 6 PCT AND CAST IRON 18 PCT IN OCT.

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IN MOST SERIOUS REPORTED CASE IN YEAR OF FACTORY DISPUTES, KIANGSI PROVINCE BROADCAST SAYS MAJOR CHINESE TRACTOR FACTORY WAS FORCED STOP WORK FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF "SABOTAGE" BY "GANG OF FOUR" (WP).

NYT HAS UPI PHOTO OF PEKING MIL UNIT COMMANDER CONDUCTING RALLY TO DENOUNCE "ANTIPARTY CLIQUE'S" "HEINOUS CRIMES."

WEDNESDAY "PEOPLE'S DAILY" PRINTED, IN FRONT-PAGE

BOX RESERVED FOR MAO QUOTATIONS, SLOGAN THAT LAUNCHED MID-1950S "HUNDRED FLOWERS" MOVEMENT: "LET A HUNDRED FLOWERS BLOSSOM, LET A HUNDRED SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT CONTEND." AFP (PEKING) SUGGESTS PUBLICATION MAY PORTEND FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF ARTS; NOTES REAPPEARANCE FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS OF FILMS/THEATRICAL WORKS BANNED BY CHIANG CHING. SAYS WHILE CURRENT MOVEMENT NOT EXACTLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF "HUNDRED FLOWERS" PERIOD, OBSERVERS POINT OUT THAT SPIRIT IS LARGELY SIMILAR, SINCE OFFICIAL PRESS IS ENCOURAGING RELAXATION ARTISTIC EXPRESSION (WP).

REUTER (NAIROBI) REPORTS PRC/SOVIET CLASHED AT THURS UNESCO GEN CONF MEETING OVER CONFUCIUS, DISARMAMENT, NUKE TESTING.

2. JAPAN

MODERATE COVERAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY HIROHITO'S REIGN. INSIDE JAPAN MARTIAL ARTS HALL, CABINET MINISTERS/POLITICIANS/AMBASSADORS/ORDINARY JAPANESE THREW UP ARMS, SHOUTED, "BANZAI"--LONG LIVE THE EMPEROR. OUTSIDE, 10,000 POLICEMEN IN TOKYO AREA WATCHED HELMETED LEFTIST STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CELEBRATION DUE EMPEROR'S ENCOURAGEMENT JAPANESE MILITARISTS IN EVENTS LEADING TO WWII. MIKI PRAISED HIROHITO'S 1945 SURRENDER DECISION, SAID IT MARKED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAPAN. EMPEROR PAID TRIBUTE TO COUNTRY'S POSTWAR ECON ACHIEVEMENTS, FORECAST GOLDEN FUTURE FOR JAPAN IF IT CONTRIBUTES TO INTL COOPERATION/COEXISTENCE (SAAR, WP; REUTER, PHINQ; MALCOLM, NYT). UNCLASSIFIED

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LEFTIST GOVERNORS/YOKOHAMA MAYOR REFUSED ATTEND CEREMONY (AP, BALT NA 11/10). ALL STORIES CARRY AP/UPI PIX, INCL HALF-PAGE LAYOUT CHITRIB.

MITI OFFICIALS PLAN NOTIFY EEC IN BRUSSELS THURS OF JAPAN'S DECISION HOLD STEEL EXPORTS "REASONABLE LEVEL" FOR ANOTHER YEAR. JAPAN'S 6 LARGEST STEEL PRODUCERS WILL CONTINUE CURTAIL ROLLED STEEL SHIPMENTS TO EC, SMALLER FIRMS WILL FOLLOW GOJ GUIDELINES IN KEEPING EXPORTS UNDER CONTROL (CULLISON, JOC).

COMPARED TO YEAR AGO, JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTS TO US ROSE 70 PCT IN 6 MONTHS ENDING 9/30 (WSJ).

EEC PLANS INVESTIGATE ALLEGED DUMPING BALL BEARINGS BY JAPANESE MFRS. ANNOUNCEMENT COMES DAY AFTER GOJ SAID WILL ALLOW GREATER LEVEL IMPORTS FROM EUR TO HELP EVEN OUT TRADE BALANCE HEAVILY IN JAPAN'S FAVOR (WSJ).

JAPAN, ASKS MAJOR JAPANESE STEEL MILLS FOR GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE DELIVERIES AT LEAST 10 MILLION METRIC TONS COAL ANNUALLY FROM CANADA. INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN SAID STEEL-MAKERS PROMISED CONSIDER REQUEST (REUTER TOKYO).

JOC REPORTS TRANSPORT MINISTRY EXPECTED ESTABLISH LIMITATION GUIDELINES ON YEARLY OUTPUT JAPAN'S SHIPYARDS FOR FY '77/'78 IN NEAR FUTURE, BECOMING 1ST NATION OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING NATL PROGRAM CURTAILING YARD PRODUCTION DUE DRASTIC DECREASE IN GLOBAL DEMAND FOR OCEANGOING VESSELS.

3. KOREA

CHITRIB EXCERPTS NYT'S 11/10 STORY RE LAIRD'S 1070 WARNING TO DOS ABOUT SK LOBBY AND SUGGESTION THAT JUSTICE INVESTIGATE IT.

FORMER REP HANNA'S LAWYER CONFIRMS EX-CAL DEM HANNA MADE BETWEEN 60,000-70,000 DOLS IN BUSINESS VENTURE W/TONGSUN PARK WHILE STILL MEMBER CONGRESS (AP, SUN). WSTAR (11/10) CARRIES HORROCK (NYT) 11/10 ARTICLE RE HANNA-PARK SILENT PARTNERSHIP/PROFITS IN IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS INVOLVING UNCLASSIFIED

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RICE SHIPMENTS KOREA.

ARK GOV DAVID PRYOR, FORMER 3-TERM REP, SAYS HE REFUSED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBS FROM TONGSUN PARK IN 1972 AND 1974. PRYOR STATES WAS FREQUENT GUEST PARK'S GEORGETOWN CLUB. ESTIMATES PERHAPS 300 CONGRESSMEN ENTERTAINED THERE AT ONE TIME OR OTHER. NOTES PARK "SPENT MONEY LIKE WATER," BUT ALWAYS VAGUE ABOUT SOURCES INCOME (LYONS, NYT).

PHINQ HAS AP ITEM RE IRANIAN AGENT ACTIVITIES US. ALSO MENTIONS DOS'FUNSETH SAID SEPARATE PROBES GOING ON ABOUT ROK KCIA/BRIBERY EFFORTS HERE.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY HELD 11/10 FOR CONSTRUCTION NAPHTHA CRACKING CENTER AND 8 PETROCHEMICAL DOWNSTREAM PLANTS AT SK'S YOCHON PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX--9 PLANTS TO COST 862 MILL DOLS (JOC, UPI/SEOUL).

4. INDOCHINA

DIPL SOURCES SAY 1ST US-VN TALKS SINCE 1973 WILL START 11/12 AT VN EMB, PARIS; CHIEF TOPICS WILL BE WAR REPARATIONS/MIAS (UPI, NYDN).

CANNOT ACQUIESCE TO UN MEMBERSHIP FOR VN, US TELLS OTHER
UNSC MEMBERS. US REPORTEDLY CAST LONE VOTE AGAINST

RECOMMENDING VN MEMBERSHIP, IN PRELIMINARY POLL (WP; AP,
SUN). UNSC MEMBERS SET UP TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERING VN
APPLICATION, W/ISSUE RAISED FRI, PROBABLE VOTE WK AWAY.
DELAY WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR PARIS NEGOTS TEST POSSIBILITIES
OF AGREEMENT (NYT).

WILSON (WP) REVIEWS WEAPONS CAPTURED BY HANOI WHEN
SVN FELL, CONCLUDES EQUIPMENT CAN MAKE VN 1 OF ASIA'S
FOREMOST MIL POWERS. SAYS HANOI EXPECTED KEEP LARGE
PORTIONS ARMS LODGE TO GIVE INFANTRY MORE FIREPOWER.
OPINES WHAT VN DOES W/CAPTURED COPTERS WILL INDICATE HOW
FAR INTENDS MODERNIZE ARMY. NOTES NVN CAPTURED 940
SHIPS/SMALL CRAFT. ADDS US OFFICIALS SURPRISED
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THAT HANOI HAS NOT SOLD CAPTURED ARMS, EVEN THO HAVE
RECEIVED OFFERS.

SCHMIDT (CSM) SAYS MESSAGE IMPLICIT IN DOD RELEASE
INVENTORY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED IS THAT VN HAS BECOME BY FAR
MOST FORMIDABLY EQUIPPED POWER SEA. FINDS MEANINGFUL --
ESP ON EVE 1ST FORMAL MTG BETWEEN US-VN SET FOR FRI.
OPINES CAPTURED COPTERS MAY BE MOST VALUABLE EQUIPMENT
CAPTURED. ADDS QUANTITY/QUALITY WEAPONS CAPTURED SO GREAT
THAT US EXPERTS ASSUME VN WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT
IMPROVISE SPARE PARTS, INCORPORATE INTO OWN ARMED FORCES.

GWERTZMAN (NYT, ABRIDGED IN SUN) REPORTS THOUSANDS FORMER
RIGHTISTS/NEUTRALISTS IN LAOS REPORTEDLY CONFINED IN
HARSH/REPRESSIVE INTERNMENT CAMPS; 40-50,000 FORMER
MEMBERS ANTI-COMMUNIST ARMY UNITS SAID CONFINED IN FORCED
LABOR CAMPS WITH MINIMUM RATIONS, HIGH DEATH RATE.
CONDITIONS DESCRIBED AS BRUTAL/OVERCROWDED FOR POL
PRISONERS AT SAMKHE IN VIENTIANE PROV. NOTES SHORT-TERM
"RE-EDUCATION" FACILITIES VISITED BY FOREIGN DIPLOS/
JOURNALISTS, BUT NOTHING WRITTEN ABOUT MORE REPRESSIVE
CAMPS. MENTIONS USG HAS RECEIVED MANY REPORTS BUT
RELUCTANT DISCUSS CAMP CONDITIONS FOR FEAR LAOTIAN
AUTHORITIES MAY RETALIATE AGAINST EMBASSY STAFF.

IN ADDITION, GWERTZMAN SAYS ESTIMATED 100-300,000
SVIETS STILL IN CAMPS--GENERALLY OFF-LIMITS TO
FOREIGNERS--W/POOR LIVING CONDITIONS, HIGH DEATH RATE,
UNCERTAINTY AS TO LENGTH INCARCERATION; INMATES DO HEAVY
LABOR, HAVE LIMITED FOOD, DISEASE RAMPANT. ALSO RECEIVE
HOURS POL INDOCTRINATION AT NIGHT. POINTS OUT CAMBODIA
CONDITIONS WORST IN INDOCHINA, THO APPARENTLY RECENT
GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT; DEATH TOLL DURING FORCED EVACUATION

PP BELIEVED VERY HIGH; FAR AS KNOWN, ALL FORMER MEMBERS
GKR KILLED.

5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES/AUSTRALIA

GROUP 50 VIET REFUGEES ARRIVES AUSTRALIA IN FISHING BOAT,
GRANTED TEMPORARY ENTRY VISAS (WP). GOA SAYS HUNDREDS
ADDITIONAL REFUGEES COULD BE ON WAY; 2000-MI VOYAGE TOOK
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2 MOS (REUTER, NYT); BOAT STOPPED AT SINGAPORE, JAKARTA,
TIMOR, WAS TURNED AWAY AT SINGAPORE (PHINQ). AUSSIE
IMMIGRATION MINISTER SAYS THOUSANDS VIET REFUGEES MAY BE
ADRIFT IN SMALL BOATS IN S CHINA SEA (UPI, CHITRIB).

6. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

GOA DECIDED WED STOP EXPORT LICENSE 12/31 HELD BY US'
DILLINGHAM CORP FOR MINERALS EXTRACTED FROM SAND ON
QUEENSLAND'S FRASER ISLAND. FRASER SAID DECISION TAKEN
FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL
INQUIRY CMTE (AP SUN, WSJ).

INTERIM REPORT ISSUED BY SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY CMTE SAYS
ALCOHOLISM THREATENS ABORIGINE'S EXISTENCE IN COUNTRY'S
NORTHERN TERRITORY. REPORT STATES ABORIGINES SPENDING
43-75 DOLS PER ADULT EACH WEEK ON BEER; SOME COMMUNITIES
SPEND 50 PCT FAMILY INCOME ON ALCOHOL. FORMER ABORIGINE
AFFAIRS MINISTER WARNS POPULATION "COULD WELL BE EMBARKED
ON GENOCIDE" (BALT NA 11/10).

AFTER 4-DAY S AFR VISIT, NZ FONMIN/DEP PM TALBOYS TOLD
NEWS CONF HE FEELS THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER SPORTING
CONTACT BETWEEN NZ-S AFR UNTIL LATTER CHANGES APARTHEID
POLICY. SAID SOWETO RIOTS/AFRICAN COUNTRIES' OLYMPIC
BOYCOTT CHANGED NZ PUBLIC OPINION. EXPECTS SPORTING
ASSNS SEEK GOVT'S ADVICE BEFORE MAKING THEIR DECISIONS
(UPI, LAT 11/10).

7. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

RTG/GOM AGREE COOPERATE IN MORE MIL OPNS AGAINST
COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS WHO HAVE INCREASED ACTIVITIES ALONG
BORDER (CSM).

8. MALAYSIA

PETRONAS SIMPLIFIES TERMS FOR OFFSHORE OIL/GAS PRODUCTION-
SHARING AGREEMENTS W/ROYAL DUTCH-SHELL/EXXON. MOVE
REPORTEDLY INCREASES LIKELIHOOD AGREEMENT (WSJ).

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9. GENERAL

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REUTER'S ALI (LONDON) REPORTS US, JAPAN, SOVIET, 12
OTHER COUNTRIES BEGAN TOP SECRET TALKS THERE
THURS ON STRENGTHENING METHODS TO PREVENT NUKE WEAPONS
PROLIFERATION -- BUT TALKS BEING BOYCOTTED BY PRC.

OHIO MAN INDICTED FOR BILKING SEVERAL JAPANESE/TAIWAN
CONCERNS. JACK SHARWELL SENT SHIPMENTS WASTE PAPER
INSTEAD PLASTIC RESINS, NEGOTIATED LETTERS OF CREDIT
WORTH OVER 1 MILLION DOLS (WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. JAPAN

THARP (WSJ) TERMS 200-MILE FISHING ZONE "MOST SERIOUS
BILATERAL DISAGREEMENT CURRENTLY CONFRONTING" US-JAPAN
RELS. ONE US OFFICIAL WORRIED THAT JAPANESE MIGHT HAVE
"SENSE OF BETRAYAL" THAT CASTS CLOUD OVER RELATIONSHIP.
JAPANESE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER US PROVISION FOR
8 REGIONAL COUNCILS RESPONSIBLE FOR US WATERS--FEARING
LOCAL INTERESTS MAY BE PLACED ABOVE INTL CONSIDERATIONS.
SAYS MANY JAPNESE FISHERMEN ADMIT THEY HAVEN'T PREPARED
FOR NEW LAW'S IMPACT; SAYS ONE, "NEW PERIOD HAS COME,
AND THE WEATHER HAS CHANGED."

SF CHRON (11/2) STATES US DELEGATE TO TRILATERAL FISHERY
CONF SCHONING "PROBABLY RIGHT" THAT TREND WORLD OPINION
FAVORS 200-MILE LIMIT; ADDS "JAPANESE WILL HAVE TO AC-
COMMODATE TO IT."

11. FORD-CARTER TRANSITION

CDN'S BEECH (HK 11/10) FINDS ASIANS EXPECTING LITTLE-IF-
ANY CHANGE IN US ASIA POLICIES UNDER CARTER. SEES THIS
CONCLUSION RESTING IN LARGE MEASURE ON FACT BOTH CARTER/
FORD ESSENTIALLY IN AGREEMENT ON MAJOR POLICY ISSUES
AFFECTING AREA, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT DIFFER IN STYLE/
EMPHASIS. SAYS, IRONICALLY, THERE WAS SOMETHING IN
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CARTER'S VICTORY FOR BOTH TAIPEI/PEKING--BOTH WILL BE
HAPPY TO SEE DEPARTURE HAK, BUT FOR VASTLY DIFFERENT
REASONS: GROG BECAUSE HAK WAS IN PEKING MAKING DEAL WHEN
TAIPEI KICKED OUT OF UN; PEKING BECAUSE HASN'T FORGIVEN
HAK'S "SOFTNESS" ON SOVIET. BELIEVES PEKING WOULD BE
DELIGHTED IF SCHLESINGER APPOINTED HEAD DOS OR DOD-

PREFERABLY LATTER; AND CHINESE WOULD BE "ALMOST EQUALLY PLEASED" IF BRZEZINSKI WOUND UP IN TOP JOB--SECSTATE OR

NSC HEAD.

BEECH NOTES THAT IN SEOUL, BOTH GOVT/OPPOSITION PARTIES WELCOMED US ELECTION OUTCOME--BUT THIS "TO BE EXPECTED," THOUGH PARK--AND OTHER ASIAN AUTHORITARIAN GOVTS--WORRIED BY CARTER'S VOW MAKE MORALITY PART OF HIS FOPOLICY. SUGGESTS CURRENT KCIA PROBE WOULD SEEM TEST OF CARTER'S MORALITY, AS SHOULD DISCLOSURE THAT SK CONTRACTORS HAVE MADE MILLIONS BY RIGGING BIDDING ON USG CONTRACTS. BEECH NOTES JAPAN, AS EXPECTED, TOOK CARTER VICTORY IN STRIDE. US-JAPAN RELS BASICALLY EXCELLENT; AND CARTER HAS VISITED JAPAN, HAS OFTEN EXPRESSED COMPLIMENTARY VIEWS ON THAT COUNTRY.

CARTER, COMPLETE UNKNOWN TO MOST ASIA, IS KNOWN LEAST OF ALL IN SEA--YET COUNTRIES THIS REGION HOPING FOR CONTINUED US INTEREST THERE TO COUNTER SINO-SOVIET INFLUENCE. BEECH SAYS THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THAILAND; BUT THERE SEEMS LITTLE POSSIBILITY US, HAVING BEEN MILITARILY NEGOTIATED OUT, IS WILLING NEGOTIATE WAY BACK INTO THAILAND.

WP'S ROWEN SEES PILEUP OF TROUBLES ON INTL ECON FRONT GETTING EQUAL BILLING WITH DOMESTIC HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT BY CARTER'S TRANSITION TEAM. SAYS MAIN PROBLEM ON INTL AGENDA IS THAT US ECON SLOWDOWN HAS BEEN MATCHED ALMOST EXACTLY BY JAPAN/FRG PAUSE/LULL. BELIEVES JAPANESE COLOR TV/STEEL CASES MAY PROVE TOUGHER THAN FORD'S LIBERAL TRADE DECISION ON SHOES THIS YEAR. SAYS PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT GUIDE TO CARTER ON INTL ECONOMICS IS HIS PARTICIPATION IN TRILATERAL COMMISSION.

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SUN'S TREWHITT OBSERVES THAT BOTH HERE/ABROAD, FOREIGN OFFICIALS SEEK INFO, SPECULATE, TRIM POLICIES TO ANTICIPATE NEW ATTITUDES IN CARTER ADMIN. SAYS US ANALYSTS SEE EVIDENCE OF "PREDICTABLE HEDGING" IN TENTATIVE GESTURES BY PRC, EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA TO IMPROVE RELS WITH SOVIET.

OBERDORFER (WP) NOTES TRANSITION RAISES QUESTION OF HAK MEMOIRS. OBSERVES SECSTATE, IN ALL HIS DEALINGS WITH PRC SENIOR OFFICIALS IN PEKING, AND SOME OF DEALINGS WITH SOVIET DIPLOS, DEPARTED FROM TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF UTILIZING OWN INTERPRETER, RELYING INSTEAD EXCLUSIVELY ON INTERPRETERS SUPPLIED BY OTHER SIDES. CITES REPORTS THIS DONE BY HAK TO KEEP DEALINGS SECRET FROM USG BUREAUCRACY, AND THAT NO OTHER US OFFICIAL COULD BE SURE WHAT SAID IN SOME EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETINGS. REPORTS

EAGLEBURGER QUOTED HAK WEDNESDAY AS SAYING THERE WAS

ALWAYS US NOTE-TAKER DURING HIS CHINESE/SOVIET CONVERSATIONS. EAGLEBURGER SAID USE OF CHINESE, RATHER THAN US INTERPRETERS, IN PEKING WAS AT CHINESE INSISTENCE.

12. CHINA

SUN'S ISAACS (HK) FEELS WEDNESDAY'S NCNA REFERENCE TO "HUNDRED FLOWERS" APPEARED BE IN CONTEXT OF ARTISTIC, RATHER THAN DIRECTLY POL, EXPRESSION. SAYS, NONETHELESS, CITING OF OLD SLOGAN SEEMED RAISE POSSIBILITY OF GREATER FREEDOM FOR LITERATURE/ART. OBSERVES THAT ANOTHER PASSAGE IN NCNA REPORT "IMPLICITLY, IF NOT EXPLICITLY, INDICATED" LIBERALIZATION ART/LITERATURE "AND POSSIBLY IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL": "REVOLUTIONARY ENTHUSIASM SUPPRESSED BY YEARS BY THE FOUR RASCALS HAS ERUPTED LIKE A VOLCANO."

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) NOTES CHINESE PRESS/RADIO CHARGE THAT "GANG OF FOUR" HELPED MAKE MOVIE THIS YEAR ("ATOMIC BOMB") WHICH SYMBOLICALLY ATTACKED CHOU/HUA. MOVIE WAS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE OCT 1, SHORTLY BEFORE GROUP'S ARREST. SAYS ACCORDING "PEOPLE'S DAILY," CHIANG CHING HARASSED ONE FILM CREW AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO COOPERATED WITH CREW, DESPITE MAO DIRECTIVE APPROVING THEIR WORK. CHIANG, AT SAME TIME, CHARGED WITH HAVING UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDERED HUNDREDS HOLLYWOOD/HK "YELLOW FILMS" BE BROUGHT SECRETLY TO PEKING FOR HER OWN PRIVATE VIEWING.

BUTTERFIELD OBSERVES THAT WHILE MANY CHARGES AGAINST CHIANG/ASSOCIATES INVOLVE QUESTIONS OF POLICY, THEY ARE OFTEN FRAMED IN PERSONAL TERMS. DECLARES QUESTION IS HOW FAR NEW LEADERS INTEND GOING IN REVERSING CULTURAL POLICY.

LAT'S LESLIE (HK 11/10) SEES CHOU'S REPUTATION EMERGING ABOVE TUMULT OF OFFICIAL CRITICISM OF "GANG OF FOUR," AS FORMER PREMIER IN RECENT DAYS BEING REFERRED TO AS "RESPECTED AND BELOVED." NOTES CHOU RARELY MENTIONED IN OFFICIAL PRESS IN MONTHS AFTER HIS DEATH--UNQUESTIONABLY UNDER RADICALS' INSTRUCTIONS. NOW, CHOU'S POLICIES BEING PROMULGATED WITHOUT APPARENT OPPOSITION. SEES LITTLE DOUBT NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP HOPES BASK IN CHOU'S REFLECTED GLORY.

13. KOREA

NYT'S SAFIRE REVIEWS PERENNIAL ARGUMENT OF "POLITICAL" VS PROFESSIONAL AMBASSADORS, AS CARTER ADMIN APPROACHES. CONCLUDES CHOICES SHOULD BE BASED ON MERIT, WITH MIX OF

"CITIZEN-AMBASSADORS," AS WELL AS FSO-AMBASSADORS LIKE AMBS SNEIDER, CARLUCCI AND MCCLOSKEY, "WHO SET HIGH STANDARDS AS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS".

ANTHONY LEWIS (NYT) SAYS EARLY CARTER PROBLEM WILL BE RIPENING SCANDAL COVERT ROK ACTIVITIES HERE. ASSERTS ALREADY CLEAR PRES PARK AGENTS SPENT MILLIONS TRYING BUY INFLUENCE. STATES SK ACTS OFFEND MOST BASIC US SENSE SELF-RESPECT--FOR MINOR FOREIGN POWER TREAT US AS TARGET FOR BRIBERY/INTIMIDATION IS HUMILIATING. STATES MUST REFLECT UPON HOW WE HAVE ACTED SIMILARLY ABROAD. URGES TOUGH INVESTIGATION, BARS TO "DIRTY TRICKS" FOREIGN AGENTS HERE, AND LIMITATION OUR OWN COVERT OPS.

KIM KYUNG WON, SPEC ASST PRES PARK, WRITES WP TO BLAST UNCLASSIFIED

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"INACCURACIES" SAAR 10/30 STORY QUOTING KIM. CLAIMS CALLED POST ARTICLE RE ROK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING PROBE "THIRD-RATE THRILLER," NOT INVESTIGATION ITSELF. SAYS CONVINCED ACTS ATTRIBUTED ROKG NEVER TOOK PLACE--ADDS POINTEDLY REFUSED SPECULATE ABOUT SOMETHING WHICH COULD NOT BE TRUE.

CHITRIB'S SIDDON COMMENTS ON CONG LEADERSHIP RACE -- POINTS OUT 3 REPS INVOLVED LINKED TONGSUN PARK. HOUSE SPEAKER CANDIDATE REP O'NEILL (D-MASS) GIVEN 1973 BIRTHDAY PARTY BY PARK. PARK DONATED 3,000 DOLS 1974 TO HOUSE WHIP REP MCFALL, WHO TRYING FOR O'NEILL SEAT AS HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER. PARK ALSO GAVE 4,000 DOLS REP BRADEMAS (D-IND), WHO AFTER MCFALL WHIP SLOT.

CHI S-T (11/6) CARRIES MILWAUKEE JOURNAL POL CARTOON SHOWING FIGURE REPRESENTING "SK LOBBY" DROPPING LARGE SACK MONEY INTO OPENED DOME CAPITOL. FIGURE SAYS, "IT'S LIKE A WISHING WELL. WE DROP MONEY IN AND OUR WISHES COME TRUE"

14. GENERAL

MORITZ (CSM) NOTES THAI REVOLT, RETURN AUTHORITARIAN RULE; WONDERS WHAT FUTURE HOLDS. QUOTES THAI WHO HAD SUPPORTED DEMOCRACY THAT THINGS BETTER NOW, BUT WILL GET WORSE. SAYS MANY NON-RIGHTIST THAIS SUPPORTED COUP, SINCE CONVINCED THAT UNDER DEMOCRACY COUNTRY LOST DISCIPLINE/ LEADERSHIP TO PROSPER, FIGHT GROWING CRIME, SURVIVE AS BUDDHIST KINGDOM; THAI BUSINESSMAN SAYS PROBLEM IS THAT POLITICIANS/MIL MEN HAVE SPLIT UP INTO SO MANY FACTIONS THAT COUNTRY NEEDS STRONG LEADERSHIP TO HOLD TOGETHER. MENTIONS UNCERTAINTY HOW PREVENT NEW GOVT BECOMING REPRESSIVE, OR NEW LEADERSHIP CRISIS DUE POLITICKING.

WITHIN MILITARY.

MORITZ ALSO POINTS TO OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, INCL
PHILS/SK, WHERE "NATIONAL EMERGENCY" RESTRICTED ELECTED
PARLIAMENTS, SILENCED PRESS CRITICISM, LIMITED ACTIVITIES
INDEPENDENT COURTS. SEES DEMOCRATIC IDEALS IMPORTED FROM
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W SLIPPING FURTHER INTO RETREAT. MENTIONS WHERE FREE
PRESS/DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS DON'T ACT AS CHECK, OTHER
MEANS "RENEWAL" CAN BE EXPECTED APPEAR: MIL COUPS,
AS IN THAILAND; SHUFFLE TOP LEADERS, AS IN PRC; MORE
VIOLENT UPHEAVALS, AS IN INDONESIA 1965. KISSINGER

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